Dear Richard, 11/8/93

We are so relieved by Peter's call! But as Lil said, "I wish he'd called this morning." Then I would not have stopped off at the post office to send the certified letter. I was really very, very concerned when three letters on that were ignored. And I do think they'd have hurt themselves much. There are reviewers and reporters who might have detected how it would have looked - and not liked it a bit.

But as Peter will have told you, there are no problems. But I think they'll help sales with a little something about me and what I'd done at the front, where browsers might see it and reviewers should and might be impressed by. it.

Ten years ago, less, in fact, I would not have imagined that I could have reacted to this worry as I did. So many sleepless nights, so much of that little sleep so poor in quality, and then the trouble this would have meant for Lil when I die. I do not look forward to that but the odds are that I'll precede her. With new medical problems and old ones giving more trouble. It was rough, quite rough.

I have a suggestion, if it is possible. That is to have NEVER AGAIN! ready, not published but ready to be published, if any development justifies that. It is possible. As you may remember I once wrote you, there can be some initiative I can try. I believe that there is enough in that book for a Congressional investigation. I believe also that it is not impossible for something sensational to emerge from that great mass of records just disclosed. So, the sooner it can be ready, and I'm not arguing pub date (I don't even know and did not ask Peter what "next season" means) perhaps the better. I am not predicting that something will happen. I am saying it can happen. And in simplest form I'm suggesting that it would be good if that could be enhanced.

If I had been asked I'd have said the same for the anniversary. Not that I knew any of the trash was coming. But I did know that the big publishers go for nothing else. And what the sales could have been because of what it would have done to Posner's that had such promotion.

I hope nobody takes offense. I intended none. I was that overly apprehensive when I got no response to three letters.

Best, Harold

The enclosure I wrote for archival purposes because this fine man is one of those who made what I'd done possible.